

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2424

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 4512 of the Public Resources Code, and to amend Section 38101.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to forest resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2424, as introduced, Portantino. Forest resources: timberlands.

Existing law regulates forest resources and the management of timberlands in the state. Existing law also makes various legislative findings and declarations regarding the policy of the state to encourage prudent and responsible forest resource management calculated to serve the public's need for timber and other forest products, while giving consideration to the public's need for specified protections, resources, and opportunities.

This bill would revise the policy of the state to include giving equal consideration to each of the specified needs of the public.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4512 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 4512. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the
- 4 forest resources and timberlands of the state are among the most
- 5 valuable of the natural resources of the state and that there is great

1 concern throughout the state relating to their utilization, restoration,
2 and protection.

3 (b) The Legislature further finds and declares that the forest
4 resources and timberlands of the state furnish high-quality timber,
5 recreational opportunities, and aesthetic enjoyment while providing
6 watershed protection and maintaining fisheries and wildlife.

7 (c) The Legislature thus declares that it is the policy of this state
8 to encourage prudent and responsible forest resource management
9 calculated to serve the public's need for timber and other forest
10 products, while giving *equal* consideration to the public's need
11 for watershed protection, fisheries and wildlife, sequestration of
12 carbon dioxide, and recreational opportunities alike in this and
13 future generations.

14 (d) It is not the intent of the Legislature by the enactment of this
15 chapter to take private property for public use without payment of
16 just compensation in violation of the California and United States
17 Constitutions.

18 SEC. 2. Section 38101.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code
19 is amended to read:

20 38101.5. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the forest
21 resources and timberlands of the state are among the most valuable
22 of the natural renewable resources of the state and that there is
23 great concern throughout the state relating to their protection,
24 restoration, and utilization.

25 (b) The Legislature further finds and declares that the forest
26 resources and timberlands of the state produce timber and other
27 forest products, recreational opportunities, regional economic
28 vitality, employment opportunities, and aesthetic enjoyment while
29 providing watershed protection and maintaining fisheries and
30 wildlife.

31 (c) The Legislature further finds and declares that it is the policy
32 of this state to encourage prudent and responsible forest resource
33 management calculated to serve the public's need for timber and
34 other forest products, while giving *equal* consideration to the
35 public's need for watershed protection, fisheries and wildlife,
36 employment opportunities, regional economic vitality, and
37 recreational opportunities alike in this and future generations.

38 (d) The Legislature further finds that it is not the intent of the
39 Legislature by the enactment of this part to take private property

- 1 for public use without payment of just compensation in violation
- 2 of the California and United States Constitutions.

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